

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 79-387-W - ORDER NO. 79-616

November 1, 1979

IN RE: Application of River Pines Water System, Inc. )  
for approval to operate a water system and ) APPROVAL OF  
for approval of a schedule of rates and charges) TEMPORARY  
for water service provided to its customers in ) SCHEDULE  
River Pines Subdivision, York County, South )  
Carolina.

By application filed October 9, 1979, River Pines Water System, Inc. seeks approval to operate a water system, and filed a schedule of rates and charges for water service provided to its customers in River Pines Subdivision, York County, South Carolina. The Company also requested approval to put the schedule into operation on a temporary basis and subject to refund should the Commission finally approve, after hearing, a different schedule of rates and charges. The application states that such approval on a temporary basis is needed for operation of the new schedule because the utility is presently providing water service to the homes in River Pines Subdivision without any reimbursement from its customers, and the revenues are needed to pay current operating expenses.

Upon consideration of the application, the Commission is of the opinion that the public interest requires an investigation and inquiry into the reasonableness of the schedule of rates and charges filed by the Company. Furthermore, upon consideration of the fact that such investigation and inquiry will take a significant amount of time, and the need expressed in the application for the schedule to be put into operation on a temporary basis, the Commission finds that the public interest requires the approval of the schedule of rates and charges on a temporary basis. Such approval, however, does not relieve the Company from its burden of establishing, at the hearing, the reasonableness of the schedule of rates and charges filed by the Company on October 9, 1979.

Pursuant to S. C. Code Ann. §58-5-210 (1976),

APPROVED TEMPORARY RATES

First 2,000 gallons	\$4.00
All over 2,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons	\$1.04

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

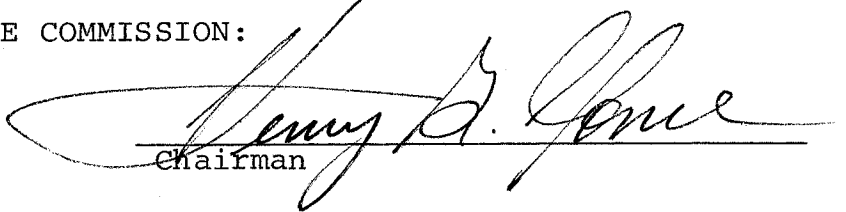
1. That the Company may put the schedule of rates and charges filed on October 9, 1979, shown above, into operation after the Company has furnished to each customer, on or before the date the schedule is put into operation, the Notice of Filing prepared by the Commission Staff in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

2. That the Company shall make refunds, in the manner prescribed by the Commission, of any excess received, with interest, based on the schedule of rates and charges finally approved, after hearing by the Commission.

3. That a formal hearing on the Company's application be held in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

4. That all interested persons be given the opportunity to participate in the hearing pursuant to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

(SEAL)